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DIST. 10 MARCH 1968

COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: 10 MARCH 1968 PM

SUBJECT: STATUS OF ENEMY ATTACK ON PHOU PHA THI, SITE 85

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (10 MARCH 1968)

SOURCE:

1. BY ABOUT 1858 HOURS ON 10 MARCH 1968 ENEMY MORTAR  
ROUNDS WERE LANDING 300 YARDS NORTH OF THE 105MM HOWITZER  
POSITION AT UH 668603, NEAR THE SUMMIT OF PHOU PHA THI.  
ONE MEO SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND TWO WERE WOUNDED AT THE  
HOWITZER POSITION. BY 1920 HOURS A MAJOR OUTPOST ABOUT 500  
YARDS FROM THE HOWITZER POSITION WAS UNDER HEAVY MORTAR  
ATTACK.

2. ENEMY MORTARS WERE FIRING FROM ABOUT FOUR KILOMETERS  
EAST OF PHOU PHA THI. SOME FIRE WAS FROM PHOU DEN DIN  
(UH 761603) AND WAS PROBABLY FROM A 85MM FIELD GUN. SOME

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ROCKETS HAD ALSO HIT; POSSIBLY THEY HAD BEEN  
FIRED FROM 140MM ROCKET LAUNCHERS.

3. AT ABOUT 2100 HOURS THE COMMANDER OF LAO ARMED  
FORCES VOLUNTEER BATTALION 26 STATIONED AT BAN PHA THI  
(UH 660596) REPORTED THE ENEMY SOLDIERS WERE USING  
FLASHLIGHTS TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN LEADING TO BAN PHA THI.  
AT 2117 HOURS THE ENEMY WAS FIGHTING WITH DEFENDING FORCES  
AT THE CHOPPER PAD AT BAN PHA THI, WHICH IS ABOUT A ONE-HALF  
HOUR WALK FROM THE SUMMIT.

4. BY EARLY EVENING ON 10 MARCH HOU EI MA (UH 6253) HAD  
FALLEN TO THE ENEMY.

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USAMCV 7TH AIR  
FORCE CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARP [REDACTED]  
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